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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - LAM SUN HOA AND LAM DUC HUE

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1. LAM DUC HUE, AGE 19, WAS INTERVIEWED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON FEBRUARY 20TH. HE CAME TO TAIWAN IN NOVEMBER 1974 AND HAS BEEN STUDYING MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AT THE NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY. HIS BROTHER, LAM SUN HOA, AGE 23, CAME TO TAIWAN IN APRIL 1974 AND STUDIES INTERNATIONAL TRADE AT THE TAMKANG UNIVERSITY.

2. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ANOTHER BROTHER, THO HUE, AGE 29, MIGHT BE IN THE U.S. SINCE HE WAS IN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVY AND ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM SOMETIME IN EARLY MAY. THE LAST THEY HEARD FROM HIM WAS IN JULY 1975 WHEN HE PHONED FROM GUAM TO ADVISE HIS BROTHERS THAT HE WAS ALIVE AND WELL. HE DID NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESS AND NEITHER BROTHER HAS HEARD FROM HIM SINCE JULY. ALL OTHER RELATIVES ARE STILL IN VIETNAM. THE BROTHERS RECEIVED A MESSAGE THROUGH FRIENDS IN HONG KONG THAT THEIR FAMILY WAS ALIVE IN VIETNAM BUT UNABLE TO LEAVE EVEN THOUGH FAMILY MEMBERS ARE OVERSEAS CHINESE.

3. NEITHER BROTHER HAS EVER WORKED AND THEY MAINTAIN THEMSELVES ON FUNDS GIVEN TO THEM BY THEIR FATHER TO FINANCE A FOUR YEAR EDUCATION IN TAIWAN.

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4. LAM DUC HUE EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS BROTHER DO NOT QUALIFY UNDER THE CURRENT RESTRICTED GUIDELINES AS REFUGEES ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE INTO THE U.S. AND THAT UNLESS HIS OLDER BROTHER CAN BE LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT THEIR CASE WOULD BE APPROVED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. INFORMATION CONCERNING REGULAR IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES WAS GIVEN TO HIM, BUT SINCE NEITHER BROTHER HAS EVER WORKED LABOR CERTIFICATION MIGHT PROVE DIFFICULT. SENATOR LONG INTERESTED.
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